



GUNSLINGER GOUGE



AUGUST 2006

Marines, Sailors, Family and Friends of 2nd Battalion,

The month of July began with some well deserved rest and relaxation, but the pace of the remainder of the month more than made up for its initial slow pace. As a Battalion, we began in earnest our pre-deployment training for our upcoming deployment to Iraq. This included conditioning hikes with full combat gear, a Battalion FIREX, and Regimental FIREX which allowed us to keep our artillery skills honed, while also exercising convoy operations and defensive tactics. On top of the Battalion's requirements, the batteries kept equally as busy.. I'd like to also personally congratulate Corporal Tyler Harris, who was our nominee for meritorious sergeant this past quarter. A superior NCO, Cpl Harris has served as a platoon sergeant the past several months, and was awarded a Certificate of Commendation for his superior performance. I would also like to bid fair winds and following seas to 1stLt Glenn Solomon-Hill, who received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for sustained superior performance.

HQ Battery prepared for their upcoming provisional role in Iraq, to include training in convoy operations, IED drills, and defensive tactics. Many thanks to Marty Klotz of SOTG who provided a valuable MTT to the battery. 1stLt Ed Holton passed command of the battery to Capt Pete Lang, and was chosen to serve as the Aide to the Assistant Division Commander. Ed will continue to do a stellar job at Division.

Battery E deployed to 29 Palms, CA on 1 August. Throughout August they continued to hone their MP and Infantry skills in a desert environment as part of a MP Task Force. They will return Labor Day Weekend upon completing their pre-deployment training, and finish embarking for their journey east in the end of September.

Battery F, who deployed to Okinawa for six months as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP) completed a FIREX on mainland Japan with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines. The FIREX was highly successful, and they are presently planning a return trip in October.

Battery G participated in the Battalion and Regimental FIREX's, as well as, executing their own battery training. The regimental FIREX marked their final artillery exercise for the next year as they formally assume their full time role as a Provisional MP Company.

I hope to meet many of you all at our Battalion Family Day on 6 September 2006 from 3PM to 8PM at Marston Pavilion.

Semper Fidelis
LtCol T. M. Parker

Upcoming Bn Events

- Regt Firing Exercise: 14 – 18 Aug
- Battalion Family Day: 6 Sep
- Bn Exercise: 18 – 21 Sep
- Marine Corps Birthday: 10 Nov
- St Barbara's Day: 4 Dec
- Bn Christmas Party: 15 Dec
- Ft Polk: 6-26 Jan



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THE STORY OF MOLLY PITCHER

An artillery wife, Mary Hays McCauly (better known as Molly Pitcher) shared the rigors of Valley Forge with her husband, William Hays. Her actions during the battle of Monmouth (28 June 1778) became legendary. That day at Monmouth was as hot as Valley Forge was cold. Someone had to cool the hot guns and bathe the parched throats with water. Across that bullet-swept ground, a striped skirt fluttered. Mary Hays McCauly was earning her nickname "Molley Pitcher" by bringing pitcher after pitcher of cool spring water to the exhausted and thirsty men. She also tended to the wounded and once, heaving a crippled continental soldier up on her strong young back, carried him out of reach of hard-charging British. On her next trip with water she found her artilleryman husband back with the guns again, replacing a casualty. While she watched, Hays fell wounded. The piece, its crew too depleted to serve it, was about to be withdrawn. Without hesitation, Molly stepped forward and took the rammer staff from her fallen husband's hands. For the second time on an American battlefield, a woman manned a gun. (The first was Margaret Corbin during the defense of Fort Mifflin in 1776.) Resolutely, she stayed at her post in the face of heavy enemy fire, ably acting as a matron (gunner). For her heroic role, General Washington himself issued her a warrant as a noncommissioned officer. Thereafter, she was widely hailed as "Sergeant Molly." A flagstaff and cannon stand at her gravesite at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. A sculpture on the battle monument commemorates her courageous deed.





HEADQUARTERS BATTERY



Friends and Families of the Marines and Sailors of Headquarters Battery,

I am Captain Pete Lang, and I have the honor and privilege of serving as the Headquarters Battery Commanding Officer, having taken command from 1stLt Holton on the 10th of August. I have been a member of Headquarters Battery since June of 2005 having served as both the Battalion Liaison Officer and Battalion Logistics Officer. I look forward to the opportunity to continue service with the Marines of Headquarters Battery as the Commanding Officer as we prepare for whatever missions may come our way.

As the Global War on Terrorism continues to be fought, your Marines and Sailors will need to remain flexible and maintain a high state of readiness as there is no telling when they may be called to deploy again and in what capacity. I intend to do my best to help them prepare for whatever eventualities may come our way, and I appreciate your continued patience and support as events unfold.

I would also like to introduce my wife, Jenifer Lang, who will be serving as the Headquarters Battery Key Volunteer Representative. She and the other current Key Volunteers will be working hard to ensure that all of the spouses in the Headquarters Battery family are kept informed, not only about what is happening with their Marines and Sailors, but also about many other events, activities, and resources available around the Camp Lejeune area. I would like to send a special thanks to Sue Hershberger and Beth Fields for their assistance and support as the Battalion Key Volunteer Co-coordinators. All of the spouses will be contacted by them in the near future. If anyone is interested in becoming a Key Volunteer and assisting in this process, feel free to contact Jenifer at jadj@ecrr.com.

As we move forward, we will continue to expand this webpage and make it an informative resource for all of you, so please check back again and feel free to send me any suggestions on things you would like to see here. I can be reached at peter.lang@usmc.mil.

**Sincerely,
Capt Peter J Lang II, USMC**



PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to::

1stLt Woodruff
Sgt Alba
Sgt Boyre
Sgt Cartaya
Sgt Fischer
Cpl Dasilva
Cpl Espiosa, Javier
Cpl Jolly
Cpl Keese
Cpl Labroissiere
Cpl Messer
Cpl Syx
LCpl Emerson
LCpl Keys
LCpl Kolb
LCpl Laudermilch
LCpl Martin
LCpl McGee
LCpl Parker
LCpl Tipton
Pfc Pilat



Births

Congratulations newest proud parents:

Sgt Young- Cadance Aalyah Young -Girl- Aug 12th
Sgt Yonko- Mellisa Ann Yonko - Girl - Aug 18th
LCpl Edwards- Devonte Samuel Edwards- Boy - July 26th
Cpl Daily- Dade Jordan Daily- Boy- July 15th

AWARDS

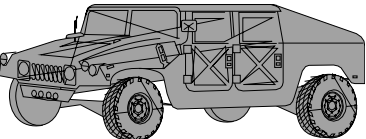
Congratulations to the following Marines on their recent awards:
Maj Tate- Joint Service Commendation Medal
GySgt Hershberger- Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal
SSgt Byrd- Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal
1st Lt Solomon Hill- Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

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ECHO BATTERY



Echo Battery is currently in Twentynine Palms, CA at Mojave Viper, a pre-deployment capstone exercise focused on preparing us for upcoming operations in Iraq. The training we are getting is both challenging and relevant, and we are getting hands-on experience with the latest weapons systems, tactics, techniques, and procedures we will employ in Iraq.

The battery showed up to Mojave Viper well-trained, so this is an excellent opportunity to refine our skills. This is also the first time that the entire Task Force has come together to train. We are working with active duty and reserve Marines and sailors from the East Coast all the way to Camp Pendleton, CA. It is a small, tight knit Marine Corps, so even though we have never worked with these units, there are many familiar faces. These connections have helped break the ice and quickly establish good working relationships.

Your Marines and sailors have established a reputation within the Task Force as tough, competent professionals, and they impress me daily with their leadership skills and technical expertise. Many units who come to Mojave Viper are intimidated by the training here, but Echo Battery has tackled all evolutions with confidence, poise, and a burning desire to take their skills to the next level.

Please, take an opportunity to write them here at Mojave Viper before we return to Camp Lejeune in September to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Capt. Ken Goedecke

Upcoming events:
Family Day September 6th
Long weekend September 8-12
Long weekend September 15-18



SAW gunner provides suppressive fires



Assault on a trenchline with a hand grenade.



A very hot, tired Marine is steadied after an hour-long dismounted assault in 110 degree heat.



Echo Battery Marines assault trenchlines of 410A

August promotions:

1stLt Simi
Cpl Noss
LCpl Martin
LCpl Juarez
LCpl Desando
LCpl Dean
LCpl Croley
LCpl Magos
LCpl Sailsbury
LCpl Lafayette
LCpl Steed
LCpl Hazelbaker
PFC Norman
PFC Aguilar



Green smoke signals a cleared objective.

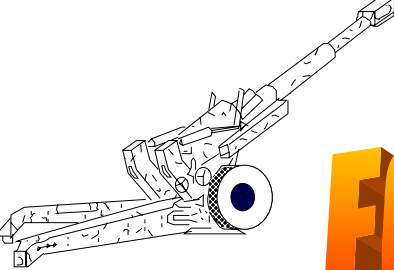
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FOX BATTERY



Dear Fox Family and Friends,

Thank you for all the care packages and letters our Marines have been receiving. They are a constant reminder of the support and affection that sustain us even when we are far from home. Love knows no distance.

Things are going a mile a minute in Okinawa. Following a successful battery exercise in Ojojihara, Japan, Fox Battery has been keeping busy not only catching up on the much needed maintenance that needs to be done on our equipment, but also preparing for our next exercise in the mainland. Now is the time for enhancing our tactics so we can be that much more effective as an artillery battery and as a ground combat unit in the Fleet Marine Force. Some Marines are attending their career level schools while others are working on their rifle or pistol marksmanship.

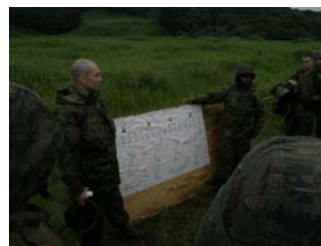
Some of our Marines were recently promoted following our exercise in Ojojihara. Our heartfelt congratulations go out to Gunnery Sergeant Santonio Haywood, Staff Sergeant James Bishop, Sergeant Raphy Hialgominaya, Sergeant Terran Neve, Corporal Jan Donnelly, Corporal Nathaniel Goodfellow, Corporal Michael Pedro, Lance Corporal Daniel Houtz, Lance Corporal Carlos Pillcurima, and Lance Corporal Terrence Terrell. We also have a brand new addition to the Fox Battery family, Sophia Claire Marciniak, born on 19 August 2006.

In the meantime, planning and training are ongoing in preparation for our next exercise in the East Fuji Maneuver Area. Once the tactical exercise is over, our Marines will have the opportunity to explore the city of Tokyo and participate in another community relations project. It's hard to believe our adventures in the orient are almost half over already. We'll be home before you know it!

Respectfully,
Arnaldo L. Colon
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GOLF BATTERY

Families and Friends,

With the coming of the Labor Day holiday weekend, Golf Battery has reached another critical period in its illustrious history, as we are once again shifting our focus away from our traditional Field Artillery role and re-organizing into a provisional Military Police company in preparation for future operations in Iraq. During the past 3 months of Artillery training, we were able to re-focus on our primary mission as an Artillery battery and the Marines did a great job improving in those areas over a relatively short period of time. The training culminated in the Regimental exercise FIRESTORM, during which G Battery exceeded expectations and did very well. Everyone involved should be rightfully proud, as the hard work and long days definitely paid off.

Second Battalion, 10th Marines is having a Family Day on 6 September, and I look forward to meeting as many of the friends and families of the battery as possible. If you have not already received it, details of the event will be sent out very shortly. Our Key Volunteer network is coming together nicely, and by now, every spouse should have a point of contact to ask any questions or request information on anything involving the battery, Camp Lejeune, or the Marine Corps in general. Feel free to contact your assigned KV anytime you need, or my wife Danielle Kelley, who is the G Battery KV representative. Her email is kellywithane@charter.net.

Finally, I'd like to recognize a few new additions to the Golf family. PFC Barnes and his wife Bethany gave birth to a baby girl at the Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital on 7 Aug. Elizabeth Nicole weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. Also, Pvt Buckman and his wife Paige had a baby boy at the Naval Hospital on 11 Aug. Mason Buckman came in to the world weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. Congratulations to both families!

Sincerely

Capt Drew Kelley, USMC



Corporal Cunningham Promoted



Corporal Moos Promoted



GySgt Amadee Re-enlists



Corporal Craig Promoted



SSgt Tull Promoted



Corporal Bernal Promoted

Births

Jaydon Andrew Blair, bro to SSgt and Mrs. Blair

Gabriella Moore, born to gySgt and Nrs Moore

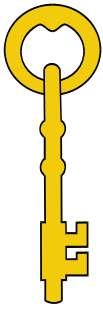
Greacyn Faith Wemple, born to LCpl and Mrs Wemple

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KEY VOLUNTEERS



28 June 2006: 2/10 KV Meeting



18 July 2006: KV Training Graduation

Hello 2/10 Families,

As we start this letter, we are thinking of all of the different things going on with 2/10, where do we begin? We have many Marines deployed right now, as well as many getting ready to go in the not so distant future. As many of you know, we have a wonderful Key Volunteer Network ready to help you if and when you need it. If you have not gotten a call from your KV, please call, (910)450-6466 so we can ensure we have your proper information. The key volunteers have all been trained and have lots of information at their fingertips and will also be your points of contact to hand down command information. Please keep in mind, we are all VOLUNTEERS. Also, if you are wanting more information about becoming a Key Volunteer please let us know, or call (910)451-0176 to register. The next KV training is, Sept. 12th, 19th, and 30th.

We are looking for volunteers (Spouses, Mom's or family friends to help us make "Cool Ties" to be sent to our Marines on deployments to help keep them cool. We will have a table set up with directions at the 2/10 Family Day and you can also go to the website for more information: http://watersorb.com/polymer_cool_neck_bands.htm

We look forward to seeing you at the 2/10 Family Day on Sept. 6th, at Marston Pavilion. Please look for your KV and introduce yourself. All the KV's will be in bright pink shirts. Thank you and God Bless,

Joan Parker KVA, Beth Fields KVC, and Sue Hershberger KVC



28 June 2006: LINKS Graduation